

POPULIST CONVENTION

State Ticket Nominated in Iowa.

EX-SENATOR PEFERER'S ADDRESS Democratic Platform Constructed to Catch the Populist Vote.

Des Moines, Ia., August 16.—The middle-of-the-road Populists held a state convention here today which was largely attended, about fifty counties being represented. M. W. C. Weeks of Madison county, who was made temporary chairman, addressed the convention.

The feature of the afternoon was the address by ex-Senator Peffer. He said in part:

"If recent discoveries of free gold mines should prove to be as valuable as present appearances indicate, the silver question may soon be eliminated from Republican discussions, except possibly, as to those persons whose individual interests are at stake. Silver Republicans want more metallic money and they would probably be satisfied with gold if there is enough of it.

"It is proposed that the Populist party shall do two things—limit the range of our discussion to the silver branch of the money question and ally ourselves with the Democratic party. These are the propositions on which we are divided. I am opposed to both of them.

GRAND STAND ACCIDENT.

A Temporary Structure Falls With 500 People.

Hutchinson, Kan., August 19.—The grand stand fell at the League American Wheelmen state circuit bicycle races here today. Four thousand people packed the temporary structure and during the third race, without warning, a section of the grand stand gave way, throwing 500 people to the ground.

Company D of Nevada City Makes the Highest Score.

Santa Cruz, August 19.—At the brigade target shooting competition Company D, Second regiment, of Nevada City made the highest score. This afternoon Surgeon General Hopkins of the governor's staff and Surgeon General Galloway of General James' staff inspected the sanitary corps' headquarters.

MINERS LOSE THEIR GOODS.

Hardships in Getting Freight Landed From Steamers.

Seattle, August 19.—Tomorrow the schooner Queen leaves for St. Michaels with lumber, all fitted to build a hotel to accommodate 150 persons. It is expected to reach there in three weeks.

Gaugers Transferred.

San Francisco, August 19.—Acting Collector of Internal Revenue Thomas this afternoon made an order transferring a large number of gaugers from northern to southern California and vice versa on September 1st next.

Mysterious Woman in Black.

Oakland, Aug. 17.—A mysterious woman in black has been robbing banks with daring and cunning that has baffled the detectives. She entered the residence of H. O. Spurgeon and disappeared with a pile of gold.

MUTINY AT WHITTIER

Fifty-six Cadets Make Their Escape.

MOST OF THEM STILL AT LARGE. They Refused to Obey a Command of the Captain and Broke for Liberty.

Los Angeles, August 17.—Mutiny has again broken out at the Whittier Reformatory school, but for a time at least the officers of the institution will not have the opportunity of inflicting the usual punishment upon a large number of the insubordinators because they are at present at large.

Fifty-six cadets broke away from the parade grounds this evening and at a late hour tonight but a small percentage of the escapees had been returned to captivity.

The former insurrection which caused the trustees many sleepless nights and made it necessary for the captain of one of the companies to stand trial for battery, upon which charge he was acquitted, was planned by the oldest boys confined in the institution, and their complaints were not adjusted to their entire satisfaction they have since been watching for an opportunity to make a break for liberty. The opportunity came tonight.

New Line to Dawson.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 17.—The United States coast and geodetic survey steamer Hessler, which was sold at Port Orchard yesterday to H. P. McGuire, representing the Portland and Alaska Trading and Transportation Company of Portland, will be put on the route between Portland and St. Michaels.

Fire at Willows.

Willows, August 17.—A fire early this morning destroyed the lively stable owned by David & Myers and the harness shop of R. Ogilvie and contents. Eighteen horses and fifty tons of hay, besides many wagons and carriages, were burned to the ground. Loss on building, owned by Joseph Miller, \$2500, insurance \$2500. Individual losses \$1500.

Dockery Gets Off.

San Francisco, August 17.—Chief Food Inspector Dockery is not to be prosecuted for boring holes into and emptying the contents of three barrels of "rectified California grape brandy," of which the other 102 barrels has just been sold in the London market for a higher price than the celebrated 1887 brandy of the vintage of 1885 and 1887.

Free For All Trot at Stockton.

Stockton, August 17.—At a meeting of the Stockton Driving Club today it was decided to have a free for all trot at the coming fair meeting. This was brought about by the assurance of the owner of Klamath that his gelding would be here, and that there would be others of the class on the circuit.

Car Famine Probable.

St. Joseph, Mo., August 17.—Railroad officials in St. Joseph report that there is danger of a car famine on western roads caused by the immense grain crops. All roads entering this city are taxed to their fullest capacity now, and the switching force has been increased 25 per cent.

Scale for Shingles Fixed.

Tacoma, August 17.—An important meeting of shingle and lumber manufacturers was held here today for the purpose of adopting a uniform list and prevent the cutting of prices. Shingles were set at \$1.30 to \$1.35; clars at \$1.10 to \$1.15, with the usual difference on lower grades. An advance of \$1 per thousand was made on cedar and spruce siding, and all other grades of rough and dressed lumber were held at the prevailing scale of the larger mills.

Rivet Heaters Strike Off.

GOLD SEEKERS WRATHY.

A Vessel With a Large Passenger List Labeled.

Seattle, Wash., August 17.—The steamer Humboldt, which was to sail today for St. Michaels, Alaska, with 225 passengers and 400 tons of freight, destined for Dawson City, is in the hands of a United States deputy marshal. When the boat was about to sail today the passengers discovered that a large amount of their freight was to be left on the dock. They were very angry and held a mass meeting. Mayor Wood of Seattle, who is manager of the boat, was called upon to explain and he promised that those who left provisions would be properly cared for, and that the goods would be shipped on the next boat. This did not suit the crowd, which demanded a guarantee. Arthur Seymour of Haverhill, Mass., made a speech demanding that the rights of the passengers be protected. Matters did not improve and the Humboldt will get away tomorrow morning.

Where Is John Sherman?

Oakland, Aug. 17.—A starving family of deaf mutes has appealed to the police for help in a search for a missing husband and father. John Sherman, a deaf mute and the head of the family, has mysteriously disappeared. One month ago he started for Southern California. No word has been received from him and his wife fears he has been killed.

THE MINERS' STRIKE

WIVES AND DAUGHTERS OF THE STRIKERS WILL MARCH.

The Leaders Think the Injunction is Not Operative Against Women.

Pittsburg, August 17.—The contemplated plan to have the women march has been definitely decided upon by the leaders, and the wives and daughters of the strikers will now take up the work which the men have been enjoined from doing. It is the intention to begin tomorrow and have the women do the marching while the men remain in camp. The leaders think the injunction is not operative against women and it remains to be seen what the outcome will be.

A new element is to be introduced in the situation at an early date. The women of the strike are making extensive preparations for a demonstration to show their sympathy for the strikers. They propose to have a parade headed by a band of music and a float carrying the women of the strike. The parade is to be held on Saturday, when a meeting will be held.

Chico Races.

Chico, August 17.—The attendance at the track this afternoon was much better than yesterday and the racing events were exciting. The 2:24 trot with five entries was won by Dolomite in three straight heats, pursued by Gladstone in each heat. Luna broke badly several times during the heat and was distanced. W. Hastings' Hobogot third, but was taken sick at the end of the heat and was withdrawn by the consent of the judges.

Y. M. I. in Session.

Santa Rosa, August 17.—A large number of delegates to the grand council, Y.M.I., arrived on the train tonight. They were met at the depot by the various committees and the institute's headquarters. An open-air concert was given in honor of the visitors. The city already contains a great many guests, among them many notable Catholic clergymen, including Archbishop Riordan of San Francisco. A number of grand officers arrived tonight, and the rest are expected on early trains tomorrow. Solemn high mass will be held at the Catholic church tomorrow at 10 o'clock. The institute will convene at Old Fellows' hall in the afternoon. A grand ball will be given at night at the Athenaeum opera house.

Educational Report.

Washington, August 17.—The report of the United States commissioner of education, Dr. William T. Harris, for the year ending July 1, 1896, has just been completed. It shows a total enrollment of 1,353,321. In addition to all these there were 413,000 pupils in the various special schools and institutions, including business colleges, music conservatories, Indian and reform schools, making the grand total enrollment for the whole country 1,766,321.

Grand Council Y. M. I.

Santa Rosa, August 19.—The consideration of proposed amendments to the constitution of the order was the special business of today's session of the Y. M. I. The election of officers will be taken up tomorrow and a lively scramble for place is looked forward to. George D. Pyne of Nevada has withdrawn from the race for grand president. A banquet for the visiting visitors was given tonight in Ridgeway hall.

UTICA MINE ON FIRE

All the Men Escape Without Injury.

LOSS CANNOT BE ESTIMATED. It Will Be Fully a Month Before Work Can Be Resumed in the Shaft.

San Francisco, August 17.—A special to the Chronicle from Angels Camp says: For the second time within a little over two years the Utica mine, the most famous gold producing mine on the mother lode, caught fire today. The first thought of all was for the night shift, which was at work when the blaze was discovered spreading from the oil tank to the timbers. The men had been capped early, and no one had been in the least injured.

The first intimation that anything was wrong came from a car man who was passing station No. 4 on the 500 foot level at 1 p.m. The whole woodwork was on fire. He attempted to beat it out with his jacket, but soon found it was useless, as a large tank of oil was flaming. The men in the Utica shaft were notified at once, and were hoisted to the top. One of their number had been to the shaft only fifteen minutes before to fill his lamp and is supposed to have been in the shaft in close proximity to the oil tank.

All of the men in other sections of the mine were taken out and placed at work bunking the two drifts in the Slickie. One runs from the north and the other from the south, and the Utica with the Slickie shaft. With these closed up water tight the hydraulic monitors were put to work throwing water into the shaft on fire. For four hours thousands of gallons of water poured into the mine, while the hopes of the miners that it would be extinguished speedily fell.

At 8 o'clock the water was shut off and all openings closed tight, in the hope that the fire would be smothered without the trouble, but no one is capable of saying at this time whether or not the work has been successful. Tomorrow afternoon the shaft will be opened and men sent down to learn just what has happened.

Should there be no fire tomorrow when the miners go below to investigate the pumps will be put to work removing the water in the mine. The miners estimate that it will be necessary to pump out at least 100,000 gallons of water from the shaft even if the fire attack on the fire has proved successful.

No correct estimate of the loss by fire can be estimated till the extent of damage in the shaft is known. The superintendent of the mine, however, says that he could not give out any figures as to the approximate damages, but hoped they would be far smaller than at first feared, when the loss was placed at several hundred thousand dollars. There was no indication that the fire had not been completely extinguished, and the miners have taken heart. They are anxiously awaiting the opening of the Slickie shaft tomorrow afternoon, when their doubts will be set at rest.

Races at Nevada.

Nevada, Cal., August 17.—There was good attendance at the races at Glenbrook park today and betting on the different events was quite spirited. Tomorrow the Miners' Union of this place and Grass Valley will hold a joint picnic at the park in conjunction with the county fair. There will be a very large crowd present. All the business places will close and the mines will shut down, making a general holiday.

The first race this afternoon was a half mile running, which was won by a colt named Lightning. The second race was a mile and a half, won by a colt named Lightning. The third race was a mile and a half, won by a colt named Lightning. The fourth and last race, five and a half furlongs, was won by Free Will, Cardwell second, La France third. Time 1:29.

A Scarcity of Seals.

Washington, August 17.—Captain Sloomeker, the chief of the revenue cutter service, has received a report from Captain Cooper, commanding the Revenue cutter Albatross, that he has secured a complete set of seals for the year ending July 31st, the Grand landed Professor Stejneger, the American seal commissioner, on Commander Islands, where the British ship Lisnet was found with Commissioner Barrett Hammon on board. The British ship Rainbow, with Commissioner D'Arcy Thompson, was reported in a few days. A scarcity of seals is reported at Commander Islands and very few have been seen since the seal, going or coming. The report also states that owing to the scarcity of seals, the low prices by dealers and the high price demanded by the Indian hunters, the majority of the British Columbia sailing fleet will not sit out this season.

Shot Over a Horse Race.

The Dalles, Or., August 17.—J. N. Pravi shot and mortally wounded Daniel Maloney, ex-city marshal of The Dalles, this afternoon. The trouble arose over a horse race which occurred in Klickitat county two months ago. The men met today and Maloney struck Pravi, who immediately drew a revolver and shot three times, hitting Maloney once just below the heart. Pravi immediately gave himself up.

Ex-Precursor Arrested.

San Francisco, Aug. 17.—John W. Ellis, ex-pastor of the Central Presbyterian tabernacle, has been arrested upon complaint of the proprietor of the Langham hotel for having defrauded him out of a month's board and lodging. Ellis was removed from the pastorate of the Central Presbyterian church some years ago for having appropriated funds, but was subsequently reinstated. Now he claims to be an insurance agent.

The Canadian Boat Won.

Montreal, August 17.—In a wind that blew twenty miles an hour and in heavy sea Glen Cairn II today won her second race from Mono. It now seems likely that the Glen Cairn-Corinthian challenge cup will reach its Canadian home another year. Glen Cairn today again emphatically demonstrated her superiority over the American boat in a stiff battle. The starting signal was given at 11:30. The time in the finish was 1:08. Glen Cairn II, 1:08; Mono, 1:09. The race tomorrow will be over the triangular course.

INVASION BY MINERS.

General Bradley Arrested and Placed in Jail.

HILLMAN, W. J., August 17.—Six hundred striking gold miners, after a breast, invaded Colleen at 3:30 this afternoon, throwing aside the deputy sheriff doing guard duty and going through the town pell-mell. The officials ordered the miners not to shoot, but they began making arrests as far as possible. General Bradley was the first man placed under arrest, and three guards came to this city with him as fast as horses could be found. He is now in the county jail. Other prisoners are on the way here. No shots were fired and no blood was shed. The invasion was for the purpose of inducing the men at work in the mine there to quit work and join the striking miners. The sheriff will increase his force of deputies and the invaders will be compelled to leave the town or there will be a conflict.

Davis' Will Admitted to Probate.

San Francisco, August 17.—The will of Jacob J. Davis, who died in Philadelphia a few months ago, which disposes of an estate valued at over \$1,000,000, was today admitted to probate. Judge Coffey overruled the objections of the interested parties. The will, of administration, with the will annexed, was given to Lizzie Muir and Mrs. Belle Curtis, the nieces, who are named in the will as sole legatees. The bond of the administrators was fixed at \$500,000. Alexander Boyd, the partner of Davis, testified that the estate consisted of a one-half interest in the partnership property of Boyd & Davis, and that the value of the one-half interest of Davis is \$1,272,727. The attorneys for the contestants proposed to move for a new trial.

BANKERS IN SESSION

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION MEETS IN DETROIT.

The Banking Interests of the Country Well Represented—About 500 Delegates Present.

Detroit, August 17.—The banking interests of the country were well represented this morning when about 500 delegates to the American association assembled in the Detroit opera house to attend the opening session of the twenty-third annual session of that body. The welcoming address of Governor Pingree, while considered somewhat radical by some of the members, was on the whole well received and he received a generous amount of applause at its conclusion.

George H. Russell, as spokesman of the Detroit clearing house, administered a mild rebuke to the Governor by saying that he had only been in the banking business eight or nine years and would not therefore attempt to deliver a homily on the subject of the evils of corporations. The applause which greeted this reply showed that a bit of Michigan's anti-corporation governor was understood and appreciated.

The conclusion of the address the state delegates met to appoint their members of the nominating committee. There is scarcely a doubt but that Joseph Hendricks, president of the National Bank of New York, first vice president of the association, will be chosen president of the association. The prospects are that there will be a lively contest for the vice presidency when the election of officers is reached. Frank W. Tracy of Springfield, Ill., is the favorite for president. He is a candidate last year, but was defeated by Hendricks, and his friends say he ought to be the position this year. Alva Trowbridge, chairman of the executive committee, is also a candidate for vice president. The delegates are expected to remain in Detroit for several days. The session of the association will be closed by the election of officers.

HAWKEYE REPUBLICANS

NOMINATE HON. L. M. SHAW FOR GOVERNOR.

Report of Committee on Resolutions Adopted Without a Dissenting Vote.

CHICAGO, ILL., August 18.—The nomination this afternoon of Hon. L. M. Shaw of Crawford county as the standard bearer of the Hawkeye Republicans in the coming campaign ended one of the most protracted and interesting contests in the history of Iowa politics. Almost a dozen active candidates for nomination were in the field when delegates began to arrive yesterday, but most of them dropped out and by one, Shaw gaining on each withdrawal, until four ballots had been taken, when the nomination was made unanimous.

SCHOFIELD CASE.

Those Accused of the Murder Discharged and Re-arrested.

San Jose, August 18.—A queer state of affairs in the Schofield case was brought to light today when District Attorney Herrington applied for the discharge of the three persons accused of the murder of Schofield. It appears that the original warrants were issued for the arrest of John Doe, Richard Roe et al., and that proper papers had been issued for the arrest of Mann, Dutcher and Mrs. Schofield, and had the case been allowed to proceed the accused persons would not have been the boys today and appeared in much brighter state of mind than at any time since the confession.

ON THE BACK TRACK

Gold Hunters Sell their Outfits and Return.

RICH FINDS ON STEWART RIVER. Complications May Arise Over the Heavy Duty Placed on Mining Outfits.

TACOMA, Wash., August 18.—Steamer Tacoma, Captain Carroll, arrived at 5:30 p.m. today direct from Alaska with 141 tonners who made the round trip on her from Puget Sound to the north. Captain Carroll reports a pleasant trip with the exception of several hours' fog. He says: "There were 2700 people at Dyea and Skagway, August 12th, the day the Queen left there. Some of the men who started over the trail and became disheartened were selling their outfit at less than they paid for them on the Sound. Dyea was being sold at 10 cents a pound and flour at the rate of two sacks for \$1. Many of the fortune seekers have given up the idea of soon crossing the trail. I advise no one to go north until spring.

"Skagway is already a thriving town, gambling houses, saloons and other resorts are running at full blast under canvas roofs.

"On our return trip we passed ten sleighs bound northward with gold seekers on their way to the Klondike. The steamer Williamette has, we learned at Juneau on our way south, reached Dyea in safety. She left Tacoma several days ago with 300 or 600 men."

Seattle, Wash., August 18.—The steamer ALKI, which arrived in port this morning from Skagway and Dyea, brought the following for the Associated Press:

SKAGWAY, Alaska, August 17.—Twenty Canadian miners arrived here today in a few days will establish a custom house at the portage between Lake Bennett and Lake Tazewell, a portage which all Yukon or Klondike travelers must pass if they start for Dyea or Skagway. The rates of duty will average about \$30 on the average outfit of a laborer. The officers are well armed and will have the assistance of mounted police to enforce the collection of duties. Further down the river will be stationed guards to intercept any one who might elude the vigilance of the officers.

American miners who have investigated the question assert that the treaty between Russia and Great Britain provided that Yukon, Porcupine and Skeena rivers should be free for commerce and that no duties should be imposed on the movement of goods and passengers. The Canadian officers in the Yukon do not go into the territory without a permit and are not permitted to carry any goods or passengers without a permit. The Canadian officers in the Yukon do not go into the territory without a permit and are not permitted to carry any goods or passengers without a permit.

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Each Train Into Redding Loaded With Prospectors.

REDDING, August 18.—The Offense creek mining excitement continues on the increase, every available rig and old crochets horses being pressed into service. Each train brings more prospectors. Philip Schneider of French Gulch came in tonight and said he passed at least 100 men on the road. Schneider has mined all over Coffee creek from its head to the mouth. He deprecates the excitement, yet maintains that Coffee creek and its tributaries have been rich.

W. W. Brooks has just returned from Coffee creek. He, with two others, own an extension of the Wagner mine on the north side of the creek, opposite the mouth of Morrison gulch. They have run a tunnel forty feet, and their ore is rich. It is claimed that the ore in Wagner's claim will assay thousands of dollars to the ton.

FRANCHISE TAX.

Kentucky Will Assess the Southern Pacific.

FRANKFORT, Ky., August 18.—The state board of valuation now in session admit that they will carry out their intentions to assess franchise tax against all corporations organized in this state, whether owning property and operating here or not.

The Southern Pacific Railroad Company for this year and five years past, and means that the board will demand of it 53 1/2 cents yearly on every \$100 of a franchise valued up to the millions.

Santa Fe Will Reduce Freight.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., August 18.—The Louisville, Clark & Bernheim Brothers, whisky merchants, was shot and fatally wounded this morning by Joe C. Kouwenbergh. The shooting was the result of an old grudge.

Result of an Old Grudge.

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MARIPOSA IN LINE.

Rich Ledge of Gold Bearing Ore Uncovered.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 18.—News has reached this city that a ledge of gold bearing ore five feet wide and of a length that cannot be estimated was struck last night in a mine fifteen miles northeast of Mariposa, which is owned and operated by Fred Jacobs, George W. Baker, James Stephens, W. B. Hooper, John F. Sheehan, H. B. Parsons, S. K. Thornton and others. They estimate now that their holding is worth a great deal more than \$1,000,000. A hundred tons of rich ore is in sight and the ledge gives evidence to the engineer on the ground of improvement as it is exposed. It is estimated that there is at least \$50,000 in sight.

THE FIRE IS OUT.

Utica Mine Shaft Will Be Opened Tomorrow.

STOCKTON, August 18.—The news from Angels tonight is that the Utica mine shaft will not be opened before tomorrow, but it is believed that the fire is out, as no smoke or gas is coming up. The delay was ordered owing to the desire of Superintendent Don Lane to talk with Alvin Hayward, who was to reach the mine this evening. Charles Lane, one of the owners of the mine, is absent, but they all have the fullest confidence in the judgment of his son, Tom, who is now in charge.

Grand Council of the Y. M. I.

SANTA ROSA, August 18.—The grand council of the Young Men's Institute convened here today, but beyond the appointing of the various committees and the reading of the official reports little work of importance was transacted. Congratulations were received from many parts of the country, among which were messages from Bishop Montgomery of Los Angeles, one from the northwestern grand council, now in session at Tacoma and one from the council of Denver. A grand ball this evening ended the day's festivities.

MINES WILL BE OPENED

OPERATORS WILL RUN THEM BY FORCE IF NECESSARY.

As an Effect of the Court's Decree.

STRIKERS' CAMPS ALMOST DESERTED.

PRESSURE, August 18.—The court's decree today in making permanent the preliminary injunction enjoining the strikers from camping, marching or in any manner interfering with the New York and Cleveland Gas Company's mines, have had the effect of almost emptying the camps and apparently a general demoralization among the campers exists. In order to follow up their advantage the operators held a largely attended meeting tonight at the Monongahela hotel and arranged for the running of their mines with or without force. If force seems to be unavoidable it is the intention to start a certain few mines at once under the protection of deputies, and whatever expenses may result will be shared pro rata by the mine owners.

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The small showing of men at the camps has apparently encouraged the De Armitis and it is expected they will make the attempt to start their mines in full at once.

A committee of miners from the Ashcroft mine waited Superintendent Dixon of the Ashcroft mine of J. S. Corey and asked him if he would open the mine if the men returned at the 14-cent rate. He said he would not and that the mine would not be open until the next lake season.

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ROYAL BAKING POWDER. Absolute Purity. Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.

A DOLLAR A BUSHEL. May Yet Be the Price of September Wheat.

THE SEASON'S RECORD BOOKEN.

Extraordinary Movement in Values. Net Advance of 4 to 5 Cents for the Day.

NEW YORK, August 18.—High water mark for the season was reached in the wheat market today, not only on values but as to the volume of transactions as well. Prices advanced 1/2 to 5 cents for the day and sales reached the big total of 143,000 bushels. Excitement prevailed in the market from start to finish, but particularly in the last hour, when wheat advances became so rapid that frequently the fluctuations were marked by quarter cent fractions instead of 1/2 and 1-16 changes that are ordinarily seen. A lot of operators who have been fighting the advance all day were again the foremost buyers in the afternoon. The phenomenal upward movement and the scarcity of wheat for sale fairly staggered them. The demand was particularly active in the December option which from a discount of 1/2 per cent under September at the start narrowed the difference to 3/4 cent at the close. The total range of September was from 91 1/2 to 95 1/2, against 88 1/2 the previous high noted for the season.

The advance today began with a sensational rise in Liverpool quotations this morning. The spring wheat was generally expected. This was followed up by rumors of a big jump in cash prices at Paris, that market being closed on account of a holiday. On top of these factors a big demand from foreign houses, reports that all of last night's offers to the other side had been accepted, including three cargoes of American.

Spring wheat news also brought in lots of buying orders, it being considered as very bullish report by the trade, as the weather is too cold and wet for harvesting preparations. Not in years has there been such an extraordinary movement in wheat values as took place today. Even the old traders were amazed at the stubbornness of the advance, while those who have heretofore scoffed the dollar wheat theory were obliged to admit there was every prospect of September reaching that price level about the time of the market demand. The official market closed at a net advance of 4 1/2 to 5 cents on wheat. On the curb September sold at 94 1/2 down to 89 1/2.

Chicago, August 18.—Wheat traders were treated to a surprise at the outset by the action of the Liverpool market, which was totally unaffected by yesterday's sharp advance here and before the price had reached its peak had advanced. This was due to a big jump in cash prices in England of cargoes of California wheat. New York also reported numerous acceptances of last night's cable offers. September, which closed yesterday at 89 1/2, was today at 94 1/2, and selling at 89 1/2 to 94 1/2, and sold at 94 1/2 to 95 1/2 at about the same time. There was a naturally a great deal of wheat for sale in so radical an advance, and before sellers felt again into a minority the price had reached 94 1/2 to 95 1/2. From that point it began another climb, and higher than before it reached another halting place. Principally to the poor crop reports from the northwest were the spring wheat advance. Not only were the spring wheat reports, but the harvest disappointedly high, according to these reports, but that part of it still standing has deteriorated considerably in the last three weeks.

Fields in North Dakota that three weeks ago yielded 11 bushels from 20 to 25 bushels cannot from present prospects yield over 12 to 15 bushels, and the average for the best part of the state is now put conservatively at not over 12 bushels.

September was advanced to 85 1/2 before realizing was sufficient to send the price down again. Then for some time the market lingered around 85 1/2 to 85 3/4. Chicago receipts were 13 cars and 293,00

